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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/840,253	BENNETT ET AL.
	Examiner George C. Neurauter, Jr.	Art Unit 2143

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 April 2001.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>8/27/03</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-15 are currently presented and have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6 665 725 B1 to Dietz et al.

Regarding claim 1, Dietz discloses a method of producing protocol knowledge of the structure of a protocol data unit (generally referred to throughout the reference as "packet") for use in the analysis of network frame traffic, comprising:

defining the data structure of a set of fields in a protocol data unit in a set of keywords ("flow signature" or "flow key"); (column 6, line 62-column 7, line 11; column 10, lines 3-41)

associating each of the set of keywords describing the data structure of the set of fields in a protocol data unit with a

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corresponding table ("single protocol table"; Figure 18B, element 1850) of a set of tables ("series of Lookup Tables"; Figure 18B, element 1870), each of the tables having a set of data structure fields; (Figure 18B; column 14, lines 34-53)

linking each of the tables in the protocol data unit with one another; (column 15, lines 30-54) and

generating field code for each of the tables for use in providing protocol knowledge of the data structure of each of the fields of the protocol data unit. (column 15, lines 22-29)

Regarding claim 2, Dietz discloses the method of claim 1 wherein the data structure is an offset and the set of data structure fields is an offset field. (column 14, lines 50-52)

Regarding claim 3, Dietz discloses the method of claim 1 wherein the data structure is offset and length and the set of data structure fields is an offset field and a length field. (column 14, 50-52)

Claims 4-15 are also rejected since claims 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, and 13-15 recite an apparatus including a code generation system, apparatus for producing protocol knowledge, a computer readable medium, and a computer-readable memory system respectively which contain substantially the same limitations as recited in claims 1-3.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US Patent 4 695 977 A to Hansen et al;

US Patent 5 418 972 A to Takeuchi et al;

US Patent 6 505 342 B1 to Hartmann et al;

US Patent 6 651 099 B1 to Dietz et al;

US Patent 6 771 646 B1 to Sarkissian et al;

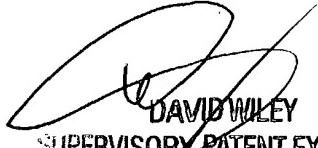
US Patent 6 789 116 B1 to Sarkissian et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George C. Neurauter, Jr. whose telephone number is 703-305-4565. The examiner can normally be reached on Thursday 1-2pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 703-308-5221. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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